Adaptive Lessons Featuring Virtual Reality Experiences that Simulate On-the-Job Food Safety Learning for Artisan Dairy Processors

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Connecting with Students



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Connecting with Students is Imperative For Food Safety Training



Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) of 2011 Environmental monitoring is now a requirement Impact on artisan dairy community

Small Business Hurdles to an Effective Food Safety System

- 1. Lack of food safety understanding ^{1, 2, 3}
 - a. i.e. understanding of terminology, cleaning & sanitation procedures, risks, etc.
- 2. Lack of Prerequisite Programs²
- 3. Lack of resource feasibility ^{2, 3}
 - a. i.e. time, money, employees
- 4. Lack of employee motivation ²
- 5. Inadequate physical condition of the facility ^{2, 3}
- 6. Lack of availability of relevant training ⁴

Top Sanitation Concerns of Food Processors



Figure 1.Top Sanitation Problem Areas

Current Food Safety Training

- Majority face-to-face training
- Majority designed with no needs analysis
- Majority designed with no learning theory consideration



Social Constructivism Paradigm

Learning occurs on two levels



Socially



In the Mind

Situated Learning Theory

- Learning in the context of where the material will be applied
- Has a social component
 - "Legitimate peripheral participation"

Legitimate Peripheral Participation

Novice learner's initial and peripheral engagement is legitimized and thus supports the development of early practices and their inherent skills

With extended engagement with the 'community of practice's the learner progressively develops or acquires greater and more sophisticated participative skills.



The 'community of practice' boundary is a dynamic and flexile entity, allowing ease of access to socially constructed practices and engagement

Computer-Based Simulation Training

When compared to a control group, **training that includes simulation has a greater effect on the following:** (n = 65)

- Post-training self-efficacy ~20% greater
- Declarative knowledge ~11% greater
- Procedural knowledge ~14% greater
- Retention ~9% greater

Adaptive Learning: Data Analytics

Lesson Summary





Adaptive Learning: Data Analytics



Hypothesis

Adaptive learning featuring virtual reality experiences that simulate on-the-job training is an effective teaching strategy for improving the food safety knowledge, attitudes, norms, personal agency, intentions and behaviors of NC small dairy processors.

Instructional Design Process



Needs Analysis: Purpose

- 1. Identify the demographics of North Carolina Artisan Dairy Processors.
- 2. Use the Integrated Behavior Model (IBM) to assess which components of behavior predict the Artisan's decision to perform safe food handling behaviors.

Needs Analysis: Methods



Identified Audience (*n*=49)

Face-to-face Interviews (*n*=7)

Online Survey (*n*=21)

Needs Analysis: Demographics

Key Characteristics of NC Artisan Dairy Processors (n=19)





Needs Analysis: Relative Risk



Risk Level Determination:

- 1pt for producing raw products
- 1pt for offering tours
- 1pt for farm on site

Needs Analysis: Target Audience Values



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Needs Analysis: Behavior Predictors



Needs Analysis Conclusions

- 8th grade reading level
- Social aspect
- Help users identify high-risk
- Ability to "practice" new skills and build self-efficacy

Training Design

- Case study
- Adaptive learning
 - Remedial pathways
 - Personal feedback
 - Choose your own path
- Virtual situated learning
 - Observe behavior being performed
 - "Perform" behavior

Adaptive Learning - Remedial Pathways

In the Cheesy Wheel case, the first routine sample that came back positive was in Zone 1, on the cheese form used to form blocks of sharp cheddar cheese.

Use that information to locate the correct cell in the FDA table to determine which corrective actions you should take. Move the pin to the correct table cell below:



PINS	Corrective Actions when Listeria species is found in an environmental sample	
		Food Contact Surfaces (Zone 1) (Zones 2 - 4)
Rou Sar Pos	utine npling sitive #1	 Intensified cleaning and sanitizing in the area where positive occurred Retest positive site and perform intensified sampling and testing during next production run (at least 3 hours into production) Conduct comprehensive investigation - root cause analysis Clean and sanitize area where positive occurred Retest positive site and during next production during next production cycle
Fol Sar Pos	low Up npling sitive #2	 Intensified cleaning and sanitizing Intensified cleaning and for 3 consecutive days (inc disassembly of equipment Intensified sampling and ta 3 consecutive days Hold and test product for <i>L</i> monocytogenes from the fi consecutive days. Hold for second and third of 3 consecutive

HISTORY

Adaptive Learning - Remedial Pathways

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That's still incorrect. It looks like you could use a little more information on how to use the FDA table. Click Next for more info.



Adaptive Learning - Personal Feedback

Corrective Actions

You're ahead of the game because you've already started an EMP. All three of you probably want to jump right in to save Ginger and Walter's farm, but first, you'll need to determine which corrective actions to take. What are corrective actions? Let's look at that now.



Corrective actions eliminate the source of the issue, in this case Listeria contamination, and make sure it's totally resolved. Corrective actions can include: cleaning, sanitizing, performing root cause analysis to determine the source of contamination, resampling, reworking or destroying any contaminated product (if necessary), and taking measures to prevent the same contamination from happening again.

Are you ready to jump in and start determining corrective actions?

Yes, bring it on!

I guess so but I'm not really sure how.



That's totally understandable. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the new material and the seriousness of possible *Listeria spp.* contamination. I hope it helps to know that I'll be here to show you the way. We'll take it step-by-step until you've learned how to determine the proper corrective actions. Let's start with an example case.

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Adaptive Learning - Choose Your Path

Choose a Case Study



Now that your comfortable identifying corrective actions, it's time to learn what to do in the worst case scenario, a positive on a Zone 1 site.

I'm going to give you a case study to work through here in the Dairy Teaching Lab. Would you rather work on the example in the cheese room or ice cream packing area?

Cheese Room

Ice Cream Packaging Area





Virtual Situated Learning



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Evaluation Will Identify

- How effective is the online training course using situated and adaptive learning strategies, in increasing adult learners in the workplaces' *knowledge* of training topics, specifically environmental monitoring in artisan dairy facilities?
- 2. Were the adult learners able to *effectively apply* (behavior transfer) the training content at the dairy facility in which they work?

Experimental Design



Significance

- Serve as a model for other industries
- Make training more affordable, flexible, and adaptive
- Keep our food system safe
- Keep small businesses in business

Lessons Learned

- Consistency within the course is difficult to maintain when multiple groups are working on different parts of the training at the same time.
- 2. Regulators, industry experts, and academics can have different views on the same topic making advice difficult to give.

Resources

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Questions?

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